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Dear Mr. Mayer,

This letter responds to your citizen petition dated May 12, 2004, requesting that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA or the Agency) switch the emergency contraceptive drug Plan B (levonorgestrel, 0.75 mg) to over-the-counter (OTC) status.

I am writing to inform you that we have not yet resolved the issues raised in your petition because it identifies significant matters requiring extensive review and analysis by Agency officials. This interim response is provided in accordance with FDA regulations on citizen petitions (21 CFR 10.30(e)(2)). We will respond to your petition as soon as we have reached a decision on your request.

Sincerely,

Jane a. Apelias

Associate Director for Policy

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

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